

BARRIERS TO PERMANENCY

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Child(ren): _____ Board: _____
 LQ: _____ Date of Review: _____

CATEGORY	#	BARRIER
		No Barriers noted for this case.
PLANNING		
	1	No written Case Permanency Plan
	2	Case Permanency Plan out-of-date (over 6-months old)
	3	Case Permanency Plan incomplete (eg. missing goal)
	4	Case Permanency Plan lacks clarity
	5	Case Permanency Plan not addressing child's issues (eg. transition planning)
	6	Concurrent planning is appropriate but has not been initiated by DHS worker
		Other (specify):
IMPLEMENTATION		
	1	DHS worker communication/contact w/ foster child lacking
	2	DHS worker communication/contact w/ parent(s) lacking
	3	DHS worker communication/contact w/ placement (eg. PMIC) lacking
	4	DHS worker not assisting with regular visitation for child/parent(s)
	5	Service Provider(s) not actively and productively engaged with child/parents
		Other (specify):
CHILD	1	Resistant/uncooperative to service intervention
	2	Age of foster child, includes majority age issues
	3	Chronic physical health issues
	4	Mental health issues
	5	Substance abuse issues
	6	Legal issues (delinquency, juvenile court service involvement)
		Other (specify):
PARENT(S)		
	1	Family economic problems (inadequate housing, transportation, money mgmt)
	2	Legal problems (incarceration, parole, probation status, restraining orders)
	3	Lack of insight into problems
	4	Resistant/uncooperative to service intervention or visitation
	5	Chronic physical health issues
	6	Mental health issues
	7	Substance abuse issues
		Other (specify):

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MANAGEMENT		
	1	DHS worker caseload too large to manage
	2	Uncovered case (no DHS worker assigned to child/family)
	3	DHS worker change delays progress
	4	Lack of documentation in Case Permanency Plan
	5	Inadequate DHS worker knowledge of case
		Other (specify):
COORDINATION		
	1	Inadequate coordination by DHS worker and Service Provider(s)
	2	Foster child's special placement needs not being addressed
	3	Interstate Compact delays
		Other (specify):
PLACEMENT		
	1	Foster care placement level not appropriate for child's needs
	2	Frequent changes of foster care placement delaying permanency
	3	Lack of positive working relationship between placement and child's parent(s)
	4	Lack of appropriate adoptive home
	5	Local residential treatment facility not available
	6	Distance between placement and child's parent(s) impedes visitation
	7	Lack of a significant adult connection
		Other (specify):
LEGAL		
	1	Guardian ad Litem not active in case
	2	Frequent delays in court hearings, late rulings or orders
	3	Permanency hearing not held
	4	Appeal of termination is pending
		Other
SERVICE PROVIDERS		
	1	Appropriate counseling/parenting services not available
	2	Substance abuse services not available locally
	3	Supervision for visitation unavailable/inadequate:
	4	Lack of services meeting scheduling needs of parent(s) [eg, evenings weekends]
		Other (specify):